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1. BY EVENING OF JANUARY 16 GROUP B HAD FINISHED EXERCISE REPORTED REFTEL. RESULT IS A SO-CALLED "STUDY PAPER" IN THE FORM OF A COMPLETE DRAFT CONSTITUTION (EXCEPT FOR PREAMBLE) DESCRIBED AS REFLECTING THE PRELIMINARY THINKING OF A MAJORITY WITHIN GROUP B AT THIS STAGE, BASED ON THE SECRETARIAT'S DRAFT (DOCUMENT A/10202), WITH THE MAJORITY NOT NECESSARILY COMPOSED OF THE SAME COUNTRIES ON ALL POINTS (TEXT BEING SENT SEPTTEL).

2. IN RESPECT OF SUCH FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS AS SEPARATION OF EXPENSES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (THESE ARE SPELLED OUT IN SOME DETAIL) FROM THOSE FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES, WITH ONLY FORMER TO BE COVERED BY THE REGULAR BUDGET; THE ROLE OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PROGRAM/BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONFERENCE; THE APPLICATION OF A WEIGHTED-VOTING

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PROCEDURE BASED ON ASSESSMENTS TO THE ADOPTION BY THE

CONFERENCE OF A BIENNIAL PROGRAM/BUDGET; THE BASING OF THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE ON THE UN SCALE; THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE; AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT AMENDMENTS OF PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING VOTING PROCEDURES SHALL REQUIRE THE SAME MAJORITIES OR QUALIFIED MAJORITIES AS CONTAINED THEREIN (TO PROTECT ANY WEIGHTED-VOTING FORMULAE THAT MIGHT BE INCORPORATED IN THE STATUTES); THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF SHALL BE EFFICIENCY, COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY AND THE PROVISION THAT IN ELECTION OF IDB MEMBERS THE CONFERENCE SHALL GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBERS TO THE ORGANIZATION; THE STUDY PAPER IS LARGELY IN LINE WITH US VIEWS. (WE ASSUME ROSENSTOCK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ARTICLE-BY-ARTICLE ANALYSIS OF HOW STUDY PAPER TEXTS WERE ARRIVED AT AND CONSIDERATIONS WHICH WERE RAISED DURING GROUP B DISCUSSION OF THEM.) EVEN THOUGH GROUP B COUNTRIES DIVIDED OVER SUCH MATTERS AS PROHIBITION OF USE OF REGULAR BUDGET TO COVER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND WEIGHTED-VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR ADOPTION OF PROGRAM/BUDGET, OUTCOME OF THIS FIRST READING WITHIN GROUP B BROADLY SAFEGUARDS US POSITIONS.

3. QUESTION OF WHAT USE WOULD BE MADE OF STUDY PAPER WAS CENTRAL ISSUE ON WHICH GROUP B WAS DEEPLY DIVIDED BETWEEN DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING US) WHICH SUPPORTED INFORMAL CIRCULATION TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN COW (IN VIEW OF INDICATIONS THAT G-77 WHICH WAS ENGAGED IN SIMILAR EXERCISE WAS PREPARED TO CIRCULATE RESULTS OF ITS FIRST READING OF SECRETARIAT DRAFT IF GROUP B WERE PREPARED TO RECIPROCATATE, AND DESIRABILITY OF MAKING CLEAR TO G-77 REQUIREMENTS OF GROUP B MAJORITY IF DRAFT STATUTES WERE TO OBTAIN BROAD SUPPORT) AND THOSE WHICH INSISTED THAT STUDY PAPER SHOULD REMAIN INTERNAL GROUP B DOCUMENT WITH EACH DELEGATION FREE TO EXPRESS OWN VIEWS DURING ANY COW DISCUSSION. FRENCH AND DUTCH WERE LEADERS OF LATTER GROUP. THESE SUCCEEDED IN TYING EEC COUNTRIES TO THEIR POSITION AND AS OF MORNING OF JANUARY 19 (LAST DAY OF COW) GROUP B HAD NOT BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABLE TO AGREE TO RELEASE ITS STUDY PAPER. FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY G-77 AT JAN 19 AM PLENARY THAT IT PREPARED TO CIRCULATE RESULTS OF ITS FIRST READING OF THE DRAFT STATUTES ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, GROUP B RETURNED TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION. AFTER AUSTRALIA, US, UK, SWITZERLAND, CANADA, SWEDEN, NORWAY, AUSTRIA, SPAIN AND JAPAN HAD LINED UP FOR RELEASING GROUP PAPER, FRENCH (AND REST OF EEC)

CAVED ON THE ISSUE. AS REPORTED SEPTTEL GROUP B
PAPER WAS RELEASED DURING CLOSING PLENARY WITH DESCRIPTIVE
CHAPEAU AS INDICATED IN PARA 1 ABOVE. GROUP B
DEADLOCK ON QUESTION OF RELEASE OF STUDY PAPER
UNTIL TIME RAN OUT DURING AFTERNOON OF JAN 19
PROBABLY HELPED AVOID FURTHER CHIPPING AWAY AT "HARD"
PSOTIONS CONTAINED THEREIN BY DELEGATIONS SUCH
AS DUTCH AND FRENCH. FRENCH, FOR EXAMPLE, CONTINUED
TO EXPRESS UNHAPPINESS WITH STUDY PAPER, SPECIFICALLY
ATTACKING ITS "MANY REFERENCES" TO THE POSITION TO BE
ENJOYED BY CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES IN A TRANSFORMED UNIDO.STIBRAVY

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